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SUBJ: BEXP, LE

SUBJ: "INTELCOM '78" DENIED USE OF AUB CAMPUS

REF: STATE 20080 (NOTAL)

1. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT PRESIDENT HOELSCHER IN LETTER TO MR. WILLIAM BAZZY OF HORIZON HOUSE HAS INFORMED BAZZY THAT A.U.B. DECLINES TO OFFER CAMPUS AS SITE OF BAZZY'S "INTELCOM 78" TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRADE FAIR.

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2. BACKGROUND: "INTELCOM '78" IS A MAJOR PROMOTIONAL EVENT OPEN TO WORLDWIDE PARTICIPATION AND DESIGNED BY BAZZY TO SHOWCASE EUROPEAN, U.S. AND JAPANESE TELE- COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO ARAB MARKETS, TO REVIVE THE IMAGE OF BEIRUT AS A CENTER OF REGIONAL TRADE, AND TO MAKE SOME MONEY FOR HORIZON HOUSE, THE ORGANIZERS. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL SUBJECT OF "INTELCOM '78" WAS

RAISED BRIEFLY AT E/C OFFICERS' CONFERENCE IN TANGIER
IN CONTEXT USDOC'S DENIAL OF SUPPORT TO IT ON GROUNDS
HORIZON HOUSE WAS NOT MAKING PROVISION FOR PARTICIPATION
IN FAIR BY ALL STATES IN THE M-E AREA. LOSS OF AUB
CAMPUS AS SITE WILL BE ADDITIONAL BLOW TO FAIR'S
PROSPECTS.

3. FYI ONLY, AUB POSITION TAKEN ON BASIS (A) FAIR
MIGHT MAKE AUB POTENTIAL TARGET OF TERRORIST ATTACKS
AIMED AT PARTICIPATING COMPANIES (THIS PROSPECT ALSO
WORRIED BAZZY), AND (B) BAZZY UNABLE OBTAIN INSURANCE
AGAINST SUCH CONTINGENCIES FOR PROTECTION OF AUB
FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL.

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